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HOWARD SCHREIBER RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF AFI

Howard Schreiber, Schreiber Foods International was re-elected chairman of AFI at the general membership meeting held April 15 during the Annual Convention, held this year at the Boardwalk Inn Resort in Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The following members were also re-elected to serve one-year terms:

First Vice Chair

Barbara Harloe World Finer Foods

Second Vice Chair

Dee Bartlett Bartlett Foods International

Treasurer

David Cottam Sunrise Commodities

Secretary

Vincent Arguimbau Arguimbau & Co.

The following members were elected to serve three-year terms on the AFI Board of Directors:

Steve Mandia Gem Packing

David Rosenblatt The Richard Franco Agency

Oreste Speciale Oesse Foods

PROCESSED FOODS, NUT & AG SECTIONS ELECT OFFICERS

During the annual meeting of the Processed Foods Section, the following officers were re-elected to serve one-year terms:

Chairman

Robert Feuerstein Rema Foods

Vice Chairman

Carlo Orlando, Jr. Orlando Food Sales

Secretary/Treasurer

Tom White Pastene

During the annual meeting of the Nut & Agricultural Products Section, the following officers were re-elected to a one-year term:

Chairman

Michael Cochrane Mitchel Beck Co., Inc.

Vice Chairman

David Rosenthal Red River Foods

Secretary/Treasurer

Jonathan Mondschein The Richard Franco Agency

DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO AFI

During his chairman's report at the AFI Annual Convention, Howard Schreiber thanked Jill Bush of Apple Foods, Russ Lynch of SLD Commodities and Fred Mortati of Orlando Food Sales for their service as members of AFI's board of directors. Jill and Fred served three-year terms. Russ, who served as a director and an officer in the past, completed a one-year term. All three have been valuable assets to AFI and we look forward to their continued involvement in the association.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2005 AFI CONVENTION

The 2005 AFI Convention will take place April 14-17 at the Ritz Carlton, San Juan Hotel, Spa & Casino in Puerto Rico. The Convention Committee will soon begin working on putting together the convention program. Suggestions for topics, speakers, etc. are welcomed and should be directed to the AFI office.

The Ritz Carlton is located on eight acres of prime beachfront property in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico – just 15 minutes from historic Old San Juan. The Ritz Carlton is known for its impeccable service, distinctive

accommodations and tantalizing cuisine. AFI members and their families will enjoy their surroundings as they explore the many dining choices, leisure activities and sites in this tropical paradise.

Special mailings and future AFI Newsletters will provide all the details. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for what's sure to be another outstanding AFI Convention.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR ADVERTISERS

Thank you to the many members who placed advertisements in the 2004 AFI Annual. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we encourage members to refer to these ads when in need of the products and services offered by fellow AFI member companies.

All members will receive a copy of the AFI Annual shortly.

MEMBERS TELL CONGRESSMEN OF BYRD AMENDMENT'S PITFALLS

Several AFI members traveled to Washington, DC on April 28 to meet with their Congressmen to request they co-sponsor a bill that would repeal the Byrd Amendment. AFI continues to lead efforts to repeal this egregious trade policy. The visits by AFI members will go a long way toward raising the awareness of this issue throughout the Congress.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ISSUE CAUSING SOME ALARM

The proposed country of origin labeling requirement for seafood is causing quite a stir. Several retailers have sent letters to suppliers mandating they comply with the regulations well in advance of the September 30 implementation date. The problem, however, is that suppliers have no way to know what the regulations are because only a proposed rule has been published. A final rule is not expected before June or July.

Retailers are concerned because they could face fines of up to \$10,000 per non-compliant can. It's expected, however, that USDA will not immediately begin to enforce the law's requirements.

NO IMMINENT DECISION TO INCREASE TARIFFS ON BERRY CONCENTRATES FROM POLAND

The European Union has a 100 percent duty on berry concentrates coming into the U.S. With Poland joining the EU in May, some members were concerned about this retaliatory tariff being imposed on Poland. According to the USTR, nothing will change on May 1.

GAO ISSUES FOOD-PROCESSING SECURITY STUDY

A United States General Accounting Office (GAO) report states federal food safety statutes give FDA and USDA broad authority to regulate the safety of the U.S. food supply but do not specifically authorize them to impose security requirements at food-processing facilities. However, these agencies' food safety statutes can be interpreted to provide authority to impose certain security measures.

FDA believes its statutes authorize it to regulate food security to the extent that food security and safety overlap. USDA believes that it could require food processors to adopt certain security measures that are closely related to sanitary conditions inside the facility. Neither agency believes that it has the authority to regulate all aspects of security at food-processing facilities.

Both FDA and USDA issued voluntary security guidelines to help food processors identify measures to prevent or mitigate the risk of deliberate contamination. Because these guidelines are voluntary, neither agency enforces, monitors or documents their implementation.

PEACH CROP IN GREECE EXPECTED TO REBOUND

The peach crop in Greece is expected to rebound to a level much higher than the marketing year 2003/04 disaster-stricken crop of 114,000 tons, according to USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The estimate for marketing year 2004/05 production (both clingstone and freestone) is 925,000 tons. Deliveries to canners are estimated to be 320,000 tons in 2004/05. An additional 280,000 tons will be channeled to processing for other products (puree, diced and frozen) as well as to the juice sector (approximately 120,000 tons). Exports last year were low at 11,738

tons. The poor quality and high price of 2003/04 Greek peaches kept them from being sold.

USDA also examined the canned peach crop in Chile and expects another significant expansion in canned peach production for calendar year 2004.

FDA FOOD LABELING UPDATES

FDA to Tighten Regulations for Serving Sizes on Nutrition Labels

In a March 12 letter to food manufacturers, FDA announced plans to make accurate serving size declarations a priority in the obesity battle. This priority stems partly from the growing trend for packaged jumbo or super-sized servings such as 20-ounce soft drinks, 6-ounce muffins and 3-ounce cookies. Current serving size regulations allow for these products to be labeled as either one or more than one serving.

In the letter, FDA encourages manufacturers to label packages as single servings if the entire contents of the package can reasonably be consumed at a single-eating occasion. Consequently the calorie statement and declaration for every other nutrient on the Nutrition Facts panel will be larger. The letter warns manufacturers the agency will take appropriate action when serving size errors are discovered.

FDA will solicit comments via advanced notice of proposed rulemaking.

FDA Issues Fact Sheet for Carb Claims

FDA issued a fact sheet on carbohydrates that announces the agency's intent to initiate rulemaking for nutrient content claims (such as "low", "reduced", and "free") for carbohydrates and to provide guidance on the use of the term "net" in relation to the carbohydrate content of food.

FDA has received petitions from industry asking FDA to define certain terms to characterize the level of carbohydrate in food.

FDA To Seek Comment On Calories On Food Labels

FDA plans to publish an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking requesting comments on how best to give more prominence to calories on the food label. A separate advanced notice of proposed rulemaking will request comments on whether to allow health claims on certain foods that meet FDA's definition of "reduced" or

"low" calorie.

CBP PROPOSAL FOR HIGHER AD DEPOSITS FOR CHINESE IMPORTS REJECTED

Domestic industry sources rejected a proposal by Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner to improve the collection of antidumping duties on products from China, according to Inside U.S. Trade. Bonner proposed increasing initial deposits during new shipper reviews after a recent Customs and Border Protection report highlighted that the agency failed to collect approximately \$130 million in antidumping duties in 2003, including more than \$103 million on Chinese goods.

The article cited trade attorneys as recommending that antidumping "duties on Chinese imports be paid in cash on a shipment-by-shipment basis, and that importers be required to post cash deposits on each entry instead of bonds." They added that such a requirement, which would have to be imposed legislatively, would go a long way toward solving duty collection problems without violating WTO rules.

2004 EPA AND FDA ADVICE ON MERCURY IN FISH AND SHELLFISH

FDA and the EPA issued an advice for pregnant women, nursing mothers, women who might become pregnant and young children about mercury in fish and shellfish.

The report indicated that fish and shellfish are an important part of a healthy diet and contain high-quality protein and other essential nutrients, are low in saturated fat, and contain omega-3 fatty acids. A well-balanced diet that includes a variety of fish and shellfish can contribute to heart health and children's proper growth and development. So, women and young children in particular should include fish or shellfish in their diets due to the many nutritional benefits.

The advisory also indicated nearly all fish and shellfish contain traces of mercury and that for most people, the risk from mercury by eating fish and shellfish is not a health concern.

The report indicated that by following these three recommendations for selecting and eating fish or shellfish, women and young children will receive the benefits of eating fish and shellfish and be confident that they have reduced their exposure to the harmful effects

of mercury.

1. Do not eat Shark, Swordfish, King Mackerel, or Tilefish because they contain high levels of mercury.
2. Eat up to 12 ounces (2 average meals) a week of a variety of fish and shellfish that are lower in mercury.
 - Five of the most commonly eaten fish that are low in mercury are shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon, pollock, and catfish.
 - Another commonly eaten fish, albacore (“white”) tuna has more mercury than canned light tuna. So, when choosing your two meals of fish and shellfish, you may eat up to 6 ounces (one average meal) of albacore tuna per week.
3. Check local advisories about the safety of fish caught by family and friends in your local lakes, rivers, and coastal areas. If no advice is available, eat up to 6 ounces (one average meal) per week of fish you catch from local waters, but don’t consume any other fish during that week.

The report suggested following these same recommendations when feeding fish and shellfish to young children, but in smaller portions. The report can be viewed at www.cfsan.fda.gov/~frf/sea-mehg.html or the EPA website at www.epa.gov/ost/fish.

BILL CALLS FOR PORT SECURITY USER FEES

On April 1 legislation was introduced that would impose new port security user fees and require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop plans and reports regarding the implementation of various requirements under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). Among other things, Bill S. 2279 would:

- require any uncleared, imported merchandise remaining on the wharf or pier onto which it was unladen for more than five calendar days to be removed and deposited in the public stores or a general order warehouse, where it would be inspected;
- allow the DHS to impose an administrative penalty of \$5,000 for each bill of lading for general order merchandise remaining on a wharf or pier in violation of the above requirement; and
- require the DHS to report on the practices and policies in place at U.S. ports to secure the shipment of empty containers.

The bill also calls for the DHS to submit a number of plans and reports to Congress, largely dealing with the implementation of MTSA but addressing other cargo security issues as well.

Regarding the new user fees, the DHS would assess and collect:

- a new international port security service fee on commercial maritime transportation entities that benefit from a secure system of international maritime transportation to pay for the costs of providing port security services; and
- a new international maritime transshipment security user fee for providing security services for shipments of cargo and transportation of passengers entering the U.S. as part of an international transportation movement by water through Canadian or Mexican ports.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The following companies were approved for membership in AFI by the Board of Directors at its April 15 meeting:

- Aceitunas y Hortalizas en Conserva S.L., Puente Tocinos, Murcia, Spain. Supplier of: olives, canned vegetables
- Acemoglu Gida San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti., Gazientep, Turkey. Supplier of: pepper paste, tomato paste
- AFRUSE, S.L., Reus, Spain. Supplier of: almond oil
- AGARCAM, S.A., Archena (Murcia), Spain. Supplier of: canned vegetables, peppers
- AGROIND S.R.L., Montevideo, Uruguay. Supplier of: honey
- Akua-Dem Ltd., Cagaloglu Istanbul, Turkey. Supplier of: tuna
- Alcaparras Luxeapers S.L., Nacimiento, Spain. Supplier of: pickles, capers
- Alella Vinicola Can Jonc, S.L., Alella, Barcelona, Spain. Supplier of: wine
- ALICOMAR, S.A.S.L., Fes, Morocco. Supplier of: pickles
- Amalia N. Solomos, Tragano, Ilias, Greece. Supplier of: pepperoncini, giardiniera
- Amazon Trading (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, Sri Lanka. Supplier of: tea
- Arthur J. Coussa & Co., Brooklyn, NY. Supplier of: nuts, almonds, walnuts, pistachios, pinenuts, pumpkin seeds, hazelnuts, raisins, peanuts, cashews,

- apricots, figs, herbs, spices
- Balconi SPA Industria Dolciaria, Nerviano (MI), Italy. Supplier of: baked goods, snacks, cakes
- Bangkok Dehydrated Marine Product Co., Lardloomkaew, Pathumthani, Thailand. Supplier of: frozen seafood
- Bee Products Industry Co. Ltd., Muang Chiangmai, Thailand. Supplier of: honey, bee pollen, royal jelly, propolis
- Bessone S.A., Buenos Aires, Argentina. Supplier of: cakes, pudding, malt, coffee
- Blair Shipping Services (Pty) Ltd., Bedfordview, South Africa. Supplier of: tea, coffee, macadamia nuts
- Bodegas Castelo de Medina, Madrid, Spain. Supplier of: wines
- Bodegas Navarro Lopez, S.L., Valdepenas (Ciudad Real), Spain. Supplier of: wine
- Boyrazoglu Tarim Tic. San. Ltd. Sti., Camdibi, Izmir, Turkey. Supplier of: dried apricots, lentils, beans, wheat
- Bright & Associates, Thevally, Quilon, India. Supplier of: cashews, seafood, almonds
- Buildmore Enterprise Co., Ltd., Taipei, Taiwan. Supplier of: health foods, dietary supplements
- Calypso Foods Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, India. Supplier of: canned fruits, canned vegetables
- Carnicas Floristan S.A., Arguedas, Navarra, Spain. Supplier of: prepared dishes, tapas
- Cellers Camp de Tarragona, S.L., La Secuita, Spain. Supplier of: wines
- Cellers Puig & Roca, S.A., El Vendrell, Spain. Supplier of: wines, vinegar
- Clov Ltd., Kiev, Ukraine. Supplier of: honey, egg powders, binding agents, dried fruit
- Coins Foods and Spices (Pvt.) Ltd., Cochin, Kerala, India. Supplier of: cashews, spices, snacks, seafood, baked goods
- Colorado Arkansas Texas Distributing, LLC, Colorado Springs, CO. Supplier of: nuts
- Comercial Vigo S.A., Vigo, Pontevedra, Spain. Supplier of: canned seafood
- COMOVA S.A., Madrid, Spain. Supplier of: olive oil
- Companex Peru S.A., Nuevo Chimbote, Peru. Supplier of: canned fish
- Companhia Docas de Santana, Novo Horizonte, Brazil. Port authority
- Conservas de Abaran S.A., Abaran, Murcia, Spain. Supplier of: canned vegetables, artichokes, tomatoes, peppers
- Consorcio de los Quesos Tradicionales de Espana, Alcorcon (Madrid), Spain. Supplier of: cheeses
- Continental Foods S.A., Cartagena, Colombia. Supplier of: frozen fruits, frozen vegetables
- Cooperativa Agricola de Batea, Batea, Spain. Supplier of: wines
- Cooperative de Safran, Krokos, Greece. Supplier of: spices, saffron
- Dunya Gida Tekstil Insaat Turizm Mak San. Tic. A. S., Denizli, Turkey. Supplier of: nuts, dried fruit, peanuts, hazelnuts, chickpeas, beans
- Elgin Fruit Juices (Pty) Ltd., Grabouw, South Africa. Supplier of: fruit juice concentrates
- Emiliani SRL, Carbonara Scrivia (AL), Italy. Supplier of: vinegar
- Emilpack Isca SRL, Sasso Marconi, Bologna, Italy. Supplier of: coffee
- Eugenia N. Argiropoulos - Soldi Pickles Co., Tragano, Ilias, Greece. Supplier of: pepperoncini, giardiniera
- EUROPAN s.r.l., Imperia, Italy. Supplier of: bread, baked goods
- Export Packers, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. Supplier of: meat, juices, seafood, poultry, grains
- Exportadora South Berries Ltda., Providencia, Santiago, Chile. Supplier of: frozen fruit, fresh fruit
- Frinsa del Noroeste, S.A., Ribeira (La Coruna), Spain. Supplier of: canned seafood, canned fish, tuna, mussels
- Fruitrade International, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Supplier of: frozen fruit, fresh fruit, frozen vegetables, juice concentrates, purees, brine products
- Galletas Siro S.A., Madrid, Spain. Supplier of: baked goods, pasta
- Gold Juice, Rio Negro, Argentina. Supplier of: apple juice concentrate, pear juice concentrate
- Gonzalez Garcia Hnos. S.L., Spain. Supplier of: canned vegetables, artichokes, pimientos
- Grandfond International Ltd., Hong Kong. Supplier of: canned fruits, canned vegetables, frozen fruits, frozen vegetables
- Helifrusa, S.A., Lorca (Murcia), Spain. Supplier of: snails
- Hijos de Rivera, S.A., Coruna, Spain. Supplier of: beer, mineral water, beverages
- Homey (Thailand) Co., Ltd. - Drum Dry System, Samutprakaran, Thailand. Supplier of: cereals, infant food
- Ind. Agrícolas Almanzora S.L., Spain. Supplier of: canned vegetables
- Industrias Alimentarias de Navarra S.A., Villafranca, Navarre, Spain. Supplier of: canned fruit, canned vegetables, olives, peppers, jellies, tomatoes, asparagus
- International Food Products Co. (Sawa Food), Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt. Supplier of: olives,

- pickles, pickled vegetables, peppers
- J. Wolff & Company B.V., Brielle, Netherlands. Supplier of: green coffee
 - Joaquin Fernandez e Hijos S.L., Las Torres de Cotillas, Spain. Supplier of: canned vegetables, canned fruits, artichokes, pears, peaches, apricots
 - Jose Paez Lobato, Jerez Fra. (Cadiz), Spain. Supplier of: vinegar
 - Juve y Camps, S.A., Barcelona, Spain. Supplier of: wine
 - Khang Hung Co., Ltd., Tay Nioh province, Vietnam. Supplier of: nuts
 - La Dispensa Di Giuditta S.R.L., Modena, MO, Italy. Supplier of: pasta, cheese, wine, seasoned meat, condiments
 - Lheritier Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Supplier of: candy
 - MAFIN SPA, Galliera Veneta (PD), Italy. Supplier of: potato and cereal based pellets
 - Mateo Hidalgo, S.A., Aljucer (Murcia), Spain. Supplier of: canned fruit, canned vegetables, onions, eggplant
 - Mechaalany, Beirut, Lebanon. Supplier of: pickles, jams, syrups, wines, vinegars
 - MENEX S.A., Bowen, Mendoza, Argentina. Supplier of: dried fruit, prunes, raisins, apricots, pears, peaches, peppers, tomatoes
 - Merry & Co., Ltd., Seoul, South Korea. Supplier of: canned seafood
 - Merry & Co., Ltd. China, Shanghai, China. Supplier of: canned seafood
 - Millennium Exports & Imports, Kollam, India. Supplier of: cashews
 - Nautilus Food (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., La Residence, Shanghai, China. Supplier of: canned tuna, canned asparagus, canned seafood, canned fruits, canned vegetables
 - Oceanfresh Packers & Cold Storage, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. Warehouse
 - Oerlemans Foods Ned. B.V., Venlo, Netherlands. Supplier of: frozen fruits, frozen vegetables, potato products
 - Patatas Fritas Rubio, S.C.L., Murcia, Spain. Supplier of: potato chips
 - Pere Llopart Vilaros, Subirats, Spain. Supplier of: wine
 - Pratipa Cashews, Panrvti, India. Supplier of: cashew kernels
 - Premier Canning Industry Co., Ltd., Bangbo, Samutprakarn, Thailand. Supplier of: canned tuna
 - Przedsiębiorstwo Produkcyjno-Handlowe "ALPEX", Belsk Duzy, Poland. Supplier of: fruit juice concentrates
 - Quality Food Group SPA, Martignacco (UD), Italy. Supplier of: baked goods
 - REFICESUR, S.L. - Refineria Centro Sur, Yuncos, Toledo, Spain. Supplier of: olive oil
 - Roncadin s.p.a., Meduno (PN), Italy. Supplier of: frozen pizzas
 - Roodenrijs Kaastabletten Industrie "ROKA", B.V., Emmeloord, Netherlands. Supplier of: cheese sticks, cheese crispies
 - S.I.P. Siam Inter Pacific Co. Ltd., Ladkrabang, Bangkok, Thailand. Supplier of: rawhide dog chews
 - Sangenis I Vaque, S.L., Porrera (Tarragona), Spain. Supplier of: wine
 - Senga Food Polska, Warsaw, Poland. Supplier of: frozen fruits, frozen vegetables, juice concentrates
 - Solagri Societa Cooperativa A.R.L., Sant'Agnello (NA), Italy. Supplier of: lemons, orange marmelade, olive oil
 - South Kerala Cashew Exporters, Kollam, Kerala, India. Supplier of: cashews
 - Sucs. Lorenzo Estepa Aguilar, Puente Genil, Cordoba, Spain. Supplier of: candy, fruits
 - Sulljung Foods Co. Ltd., Jinju-City, Kyoungnam-Do, South Korea. Supplier of: canned oysters, canned mussels, canned seafood
 - Sunder Deri Sanayi Gida Turizm Ve Dis. Tic. Ltd. Sti., Tire, Izmir, Turkey. Supplier of: seeds, herbs, spices
 - Sunny Food Packaging, Carriers Sous Poissy, France. Supplier of: olives
 - T. & C. S.r.l., Acqualagna (PU), Italy. Supplier of: truffles
 - Tamefield Warehousing & Distribution, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. Warehouse
 - Tem Ngun Food Corp., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines. Supplier of: dried fruits, mango, papaya, pineapple
 - Times S.A., Boulogne, B.A., Argentina. Supplier of: honey
 - Todaro Bros., Inc., New York, NY. Supplier of: cheeses, olive oil, pasta, olives, vinegar, condiments, specialty foods
 - Tutto Calabria, Marcellinara, Italy. Supplier of: olive oil
 - Unichips Italia Spa, Milano, Italy. Supplier of: chips, snacks, baked goods
 - Universal Canning, Inc., Zamboanga City, Philippines. Supplier of: canned sardines
 - Vefa Bozacisi A.S., Vefa, Istanbul, Turkey. Supplier of: vinegar, juices
 - Western Food Company, Can Tho City, Vietnam. Supplier of: mushrooms
 - Zakłady Przemysłu Owocowo-Warzywnego "Pektowin" Sp., Jaslo, Poland. Supplier of: apple juice concentrate, apple juice aroma, pectin

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the North American Olive Oil Association will take place June 25, 2004 in New York.

MAILBAG MEMO

March 1 – E-mail/Fax – Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making – Trans Fatty Acids (All Members)

March 2 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Counsel Report (All Members)

March 2 – E-mail/Fax – ITC Notice on Frozen or Canned Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns from Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Thailand and Vietnam (Seafood Group)

March 3 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Morocco (All Members)

March 3 – E-mail/Fax – Juice HACCP Guidance (Juice Group)

March 3 - Mail – Statistical Reports for October (Subscribers)

March 4 – E-mail/Fax – Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of AD Review (Juice Group)

March 4 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Australia (All Members)

March 4 – E-mail/Fax – FTA Negotiations (All Members)

March 5 – E-mail/Fax – Preliminary Results of AD and New Shipper Reviews on Mushrooms from China (Mushroom Group)

March 5 – E-mail/Fax – Duty Reduction Efforts (Processed Foods Section)

March 8 – E-mail/Fax – Preliminary Results of AD Review on Mushrooms from India (Mushroom Group)

March 9 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FDA Thailand, Panama, Australia and nations of the Andean Trade Preference Act (All Members)

March 9 – E-mail/Fax – Nominations for AFI Board of Directors (All Members)

March 10 – E-mail/Fax – Partial Rescission of AD Administrative Review on Honey from China (NHPDA)

March 10 – E-mail/Fax – Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews of AD Orders on Mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia and China (Mushroom Group)

March 12 – E-mail/Fax – Termination of ITC Investigation on Processed Hazelnuts from Turkey (Hazelnut Group)

March 15 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Follow-Up Alert on FTA Dominican Republic (All Members)

March 15 – Partial Rescission of AD Administrative Review on Honey from Argentina (NHPDA)

March 15 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Dominican Republic (All Members)

March 16 – E-mail/Fax – Promotional Literature at AFI Convention (Associate Section)

March 16 – E-mail/Fax – Nominations (Processed Foods Section)

March 17 – E-mail/Fax – Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of AD & CV Reviews (Pasta Group)

March 18 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on Central American Free Trade Agreement (All Members)

March 18 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Morocco (All Members)

March 19 – E-mail/Fax – Country of Origin Labeling & FDA/EPA Advisory on Methylmercury (Tuna Group)

March 19 – E-mail/Fax – Continuous Entry Bonds (All Members)

March 26 – E-mail/Fax – Nominations (Nut & Ag)

March 26 – E-mail/Fax – Initiation of Administrative Review on Mushrooms from China and India (Mushroom Group)

March 29 – E-mail/Fax – Recordkeeping Provision – (All Members)

March 29 – Mail – Statistical Reports for December (Subscribers)

March 29 – Mail – Detention Reports for December (Subscribers)

March 30 – E-mail/Fax – Byrd Amendment Meeting Day in Washington (All Domestic Members)

March 30 – E-mail/Fax – Proposed Rule – Dried Prunes (Dried Fruit Group)

March 31 – E-mail/Fax – Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of New Shipper Review on Honey from China and CV Review on Honey from Argentina (NHPDA)

March 31 – E-mail/Fax – Nominations (All Members)

March 31 – E-mail/Fax – Section Meeting Agenda (Nut & Ag)

March 31 – E-mail/Fax – Section Meeting Agenda – (Processed Foods Section)

April 1 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Thailand (All Members)

April 1 – E-mail/Fax – Sunset Review on Antidumping Duty Order (Juice Group)

April 2 – E-mail/Fax – Tuna Quota (Tuna Group)

April 2 – E-mail/Fax – Trade Agreements Action Program – Alert on FTA Morocco (All Members)

April 5 – E-mail/Fax – Marketing Agreement and Order for California Pistachios (Pistachio Group)

April 6 – E-mail/Fax – New Member Applications (All Members)

April 6 – E-mail/Fax – Byrd Amendment Meeting Day in Washington (All Domestic Members)

April 11 – E-mail/Fax – Notice of Preliminary Results on AD Review of Canned Pineapple from Thailand (Pineapple Group)

April 12 – E-mail/Fax – Final Results on New Shipper AD Review of Pasta from Italy (Pasta Group)

April 12 – E-mail/Fax – Hazelnut Federal Marketing Order (Hazelnut Group)

April 12 – Mail – Import Reports for January (Subscribers)

April 14 – E-mail/Fax – FDA Reopens Comment Period on Prior Notice & Registration and Announces Plan for Coordination of Prior Notice Timeframes (All Members)

April 14 – E-mail/Fax – Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of New Shipper Review on Honey from China (NHPDA)

April 23 – E-mail/Fax – Partial Rescission of AD New Shipper Review on Mushrooms from China (Mushroom Group)

April 26 – E-mail/Fax – Proposed Rule to Exempt Organic Producers from Assessment by Research & Promotion Programs (NHPDA)

MEMBERS CAN OBTAIN VALUABLE REPORTS FROM AFI

AFI offers three types of reports geared to help members track monthly food imports.

- Monthly import reports provide detailed data on imported food items, including the country of origin, foreign shipper, arrival date, ship line, point of origin, port of discharge, specific commodity, quantity in a declared unit of measure and total pounds. Reports are available on a yearly subscription basis to offset the cost of the service. Members can choose between receiving the reports on CD-Rom, on the AFI Web site or on paper.
- Statistical reports provide monthly statistics on imported food products, showing the country of origin, volume and value. Reports can be purchased for the following two categories: Nut & Agricultural products and Processed Food products. The reports provide current monthly totals for each commodity as well as year-to-date figures. These reports are available on a yearly subscription basis and can be obtained on paper or IBM-compatible diskette.
- FDA Import Detention reports track FDA detentions during the previous month. This information provides an early warning system in that you'll be able to see if and when your shippers or prospective suppliers are having problems. These reports can be tailored just to the products that interest you, and save you from downloading them off the Internet.

For more information on any of these reports, contact the AFI office.